

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image transfer apparatus, comprising:

a housing

an image transfer engine for transferring a series of images at a transfer
5 position; and

a transfer medium registration system for positioning a pad including a
plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another, wherein said transfer
registration system locates a series of individual ones of said transfer media at said
transfer position to receive different images of said series of images.
- 10 2. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said image
transfer engine includes an electrostatic transfer system.
3. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said image
transfer engine includes an ink ejection system.
4. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said image
15 transfer engine includes a thermal transfer system.
5. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer
medium registration system includes a cartridge for storing said pad.
6. The image transfer apparatus of claim 5 wherein said cartridge
adapts a plurality of pads having differing cross-sectional areas to said transfer medium
20 registration system.
7. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said one of said
transfer media is a top-most transfer media of said pad.
8. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said one of said
transfer media is a bottom-most transfer media of said pad.

9. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said plurality of transfer media are secured using an edge laminate adhered to a plurality of side edges of said plurality of transfer media.

10. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said series of
5 images collectively represent an animation sequence of modified related images.

11. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said image transfer engine includes a replaceable cartridge containing a transfer medium for said transfer engine.

12. The image transfer apparatus of claim 11 wherein said transfer
10 engine includes an aperture for controllably ejecting ink and said cartridge contains said ink.

13. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer registration system includes a media flipper for successively locating individuals ones of said transfer media at said transfer location.

14. The image transfer apparatus of claim 13 wherein said transfer
15 registration system maintains said individual ones of said transfer media releasably secured to said pad.

15. The image transfer apparatus of claim 1 wherein said transfer engine is a printer.

20 16. An image sequence transferring method, the method comprising:

positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another; and

transferring a series of images to successive ones of said transfer media serially positioned at said transfer position.

17. The transferring method of claim 16 wherein said series of images collectively represent an animation sequence of modified related images.

18. The transferring method of claim 16 further comprising moving a transfer medium having a transferred image away from said transfer position after said
5 transferring step.

19. The transferring method of claim 18 wherein said moving step maintains an attachment of said moved transfer medium to said pad.

20. An animation printing apparatus, comprising:

means for positioning a pad at a transfer position of a transfer engine, said
10 pad including a plurality of transfer media releasably secured to one another; and

means, coupled to said means for positioning, for transferring a series of images to successive ones of said transfer media serially positioned at said transfer position.